# President's Corner

## Celebrating 40 Years

This year, Executive Women in Texas Government (EWTG) is celebrating our 40th year in existence. We were established in 1984 by founding members Evelyn Ireland, Texas Insurance Commission; Karen Johnson, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts; Tamara Shae-Oatman, Texas State Treasury; Mary Polk, Texas Department of Human Resources; Nelda Wells Spears, Texas General Land Office; and Claudia Stravato, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.

These ladies had the forward thinking that women working in state government needed to band together and help others succeed in their careers, providing information and resources to increase their knowledge in their field of interest.

The organization was officially incorporated in 1988 with board members Claudia Stravato, Becky Runte, Yvonne Newman, Mary Loretto Buckley, Lora Williams, Madeleine Draeger, and Carol Noble Wysocki. These women planted the seeds of EWTG, and many women have continued to provide leadership and skill-building for others to grow and shine in their careers.

This year’s conference theme, “Planting the Seeds of a Great Leader,” embodies the spirit of EWTG. Since 1984, we have been nurturing the potential of our members, helping them grow into exceptional leaders. As we look to the future, the EWTG Board of Directors invites each of you to share in this growth journey and influence others to join on our garden of leadership. Consider this your personal invitation to join nexy year’s Board of Directors and contribute to our collective growth.

This year’s conference, a culmination of our 40th anniversary celebrations, will be held on **Sunday and Monday, December 15-16, 2024**, in Austin Texas at the Renaissance Hotel. We eagerly anticipate your presence, as your participation is what makes our event truly special.

**Submitted by Theresa McShan**
EWTG President, 2023-2024